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Graham County School News



Graham County School Superintendent

Donna M. McGaughey

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Superintendent's Message

April was so full of activity that most people met themselves coming and going. It is always my favorite kind of busy time because it's when I get to visit schools across the county. Several schools celebrated "Love of Reading" week and I was invited to read to kids, which is something I love to do. Getting hugs from kindergarteners, smiles and handshakes from 5th graders who "got" the jokes in the stories I read made my day, week and month. Teachers, you are doing such a good job with our kids.

The Safford Rotary Club presented twenty-two teachers with their annual "Teacher of Distinction" awards. As a member of the club, I was able to attend several of the presentations. I know the club members get as much out of visiting the teachers as the teachers probably get from the awards. The award went from one teacher in the county to one from every school. We want everyone to know how much every single teacher is valued. I wish we could visit each of you and thank you for the dedication you give to your profession. Again, thank you.

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Online Registration:
www.graham.az.gov

Click on:

School Superintendent,
Workshops

Dates to Remember:

May 2—Graham/Greenlee Supts. meeting in Solomon

May 3-5—Accounts Payable Training for school districts—General Services Bldg.

May 7—Cinco de Mayo Parade

May 8—Mother's Day

May 31—Memorial Day

June 6-9—Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy (SEATA) at EAC

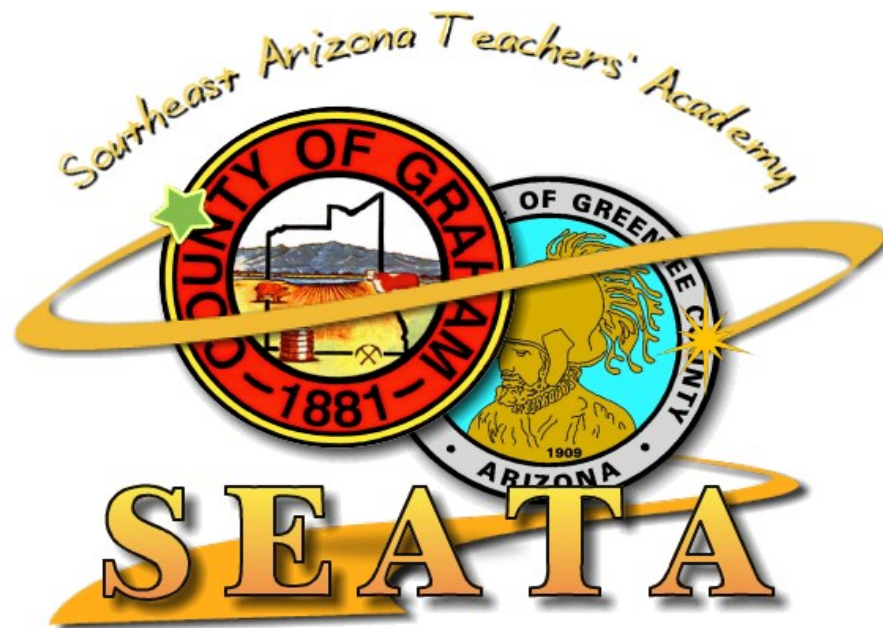
Register now! We are almost full—
www.graham.az.gov—School Supt.



June 14—Flag Day

July 4—Independence Day

July 11-15—Teaching Reading Effectively



Save Your Seat at SEATA!

Preregistration is open & session selection will begin soon!

<http://www.graham.az.gov/school-superintendent/workshops/seata-registration/>

When: June 6-9, 2016

Where: Eastern Arizona College campuses

What: Up to 24 hours of professional development for educators

Who: PreK-12 providers, certified and pre-service educators

How much? No cost to Graham and Greenlee educators

We will have 130 sessions to choose from, covering all subjects and best teaching practices. Save your seat now!!

*SEATA is brought to you by Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent
and Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent*

Keynote Speaker—Wendy Peterson

ELA Coordinator at Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESA)

“Sand Dollars, Seat Stars, and Salt Water”

Preregistered participants will be receiving the session descriptions during the second week of May.



- Increase employment opportunities
- Decrease college or technical costs

Gila Institute for Technology

GIFT now registering for 2016-2017

Central Programs Offered

Allied Health– Certified Nursing Assistant– Lab Assistant
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Individual Programs

Advanced Manufacturing- Autos- Early Childhood Education
EMT- Engineering – Graphic Design- HVAC- Industrial Electrician
Law Enforcement- Media Communications- Computers- Medical
Assistant- Office Assistant- Patient Care Technician- Pharmacy
Technician- Web Design- Welding

Check out our website and apply at www.gift-tech.org

**Contact your high school CTE Career Tech/Counselor
for more information**

Or call 928-348-3393

Who is Eligible?

- Serving 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students in Graham and Greenlee Counties.
- Must meet the program entrance requirements
- Anyone under the age of 21 without a GED or high school diploma is eligible.



Summertime Tips for Preparing Kids to Enter Kindergarten

Preschool teachers and kindergarten teachers would be wise to share the following with parents.

Entering kindergarten is an exciting step in a child's education. Parents and caregivers can help their child feel prepared for this change by doing simple, daily activities.

- Read to your child at least 30 minutes per day. Libraries have books appropriate for young children. When reading a story, ask open-ended questions like, "What happens next?" and wait for the answer.
- Bring your child to participate in summer preschool story time at the library, if they offer it. If not, visit the library with your child. It is good to start the habit of library use.
- Have printed material around your house — the newspaper, magazines, etc. — and let your child see you reading often.
- Take your child with you and talk to your child everywhere — at home, in the car, at the store, in the bank. Talk about everything you see. Make up stories or songs about your outings. Take advantage of every moment.
- Ask your child simple questions about the colors and shapes of objects. Count out numbers of objects. Point out letters and repeat what they are. Ask your child how he/she thinks objects are used.
- Encourage your child to draw on plain paper with crayons. Their scribbles are the beginnings of writing.
- Schedule a visit with your child's doctor to make sure that all immunizations are current and also with your child's dentist.
- If your child has a chronic health condition — such as asthma — or special needs, talk with your doctor or therapist about what arrangements need to be made at school to accommodate those needs.
- Encourage outdoor play. A healthy child has a balance of activity. Be sure to keep your child hydrated: lots of water!
- Make sure your child gets enough rest — eight hours a night is preferred.
- Start the day right with a healthy breakfast — it helps kids concentrate.

Learning begins at home. There is so much a family can do to prepare a child for kindergarten. Keep it simple! And, don't forget to have fun!



Science Happened Here! Graham County served as the pilot for this program which encouraged students and their families to visit participating businesses and collect information on how to conduct simple science experiments at home.

Local First Arizona and the Arizona SciTech Festival developed **Science Happens Here** to help advance STEM education in rural Arizona. Our hope is that parents will encourage their children to explore science and to have fun conducting simple experiments at home. This is a fun, safe and economical way to teach kids about the science that surrounds them every day!

Students collected the cards, then logged on to the website to find the experiment. Program organizers discovered that Mrs. Ashley Loya's class at Lafe Nelson School collected the most cards. As a reward, Kimber Lanning from Local First AZ arranged for the Arizona Science Center to bring their *Science on Wheels* program to Mrs. Loya's class. They enjoyed a hands-on astronomy lesson, learning everything from how much they would weigh on the different planets to creating a viewfinder depicting the phases of the moon. Since the kick-off of the program was so successful, it will be continued next school year. I will keep you posted on the details! We want to thank the businesses who agreed to participate in this inaugural event.

Gingerbread & Co.	Trophies-N-Tees	Ortega's Shoes
Ginaveve's	Lee's Rite-Way	Cottage B & B and Bakery
Priority One Salon	Sun Pumps	Candy's Ice Cream Co.
Taylor Freeze	CMI Quick Copy	Abacus Solutions Products
Curtis Landscape	Kempton Chevrolet	Smith & Taylor Automotive
Richard's Music Co.	Crossfit Nemesis	Indigo Mountain Wellness
Bowman Consulting	Graham Co. Co-op	Hot Wheels Cyclery
Holladay's Photo Emporium		A Step Back in Time

Thanks to this year's participating businesses!

Free Training Opportunities

The Maricopa County Educational Service Agency is hosting free training focusing on the effects of childhood trauma, (based on the Adverse Childhood Experience—ACE—study) and ways to assist children. These classes will equip you to train your school/district.

Two classes are being offered (you may take one or both) three times each in May, June and July. Dates and registration info are linked below. On our Facebook page we have a video on childhood trauma. We expect these trainings to fill rather quickly, so if you are interested, sign up sooner rather than later.



[Maricopa County Education Service Agency](#)

How does trauma affect the brain? This video breaks it down so we can all understand.

Now that you know the basics of trauma and the brain, check out our upcoming workshops specifically about creating a supportive culture for students who have experienced Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) here <https://goo.gl/hmkhE0>

For more information, contact Wendy Peterson at wendy.peterson@mcesa.maricopa.gov

2016 Safford Rotary Club / Phyllis Ann Bryce Teacher of Distinction Awards

In 1993 Phyllis Ann McEuen Bryce was the first teacher to be named "Teacher of the Year" by the Safford Rotary Club. After teaching for 30 + years, Phyllis served as the Graham County School Superintendent, and joined the Rotary Club. After her untimely death in 2004, the club chose to honor her memory by renaming the award, and expanding its reach to one teacher in every school in Graham County. Principals at each school submitted their nomination to the club, and last week Rotarians visited twenty-two teachers to honor them in front of their students. Here is the list of the 2016 Safford Rotary / Phyllis Ann Bryce Teachers of Distinction. Congratulations and thank you!

Bonita Elementary School

Shelley Michaels

Solomon Elementary School

April Liggett

Dan Hinton School

Leann Thygerson

Triumphant Learning Center

Mary Ann Larson

Discovery Plus Academy

Carol Arp

G.I.F.T

Dr. Dee Lauritzen

Fort Thomas Unified School District

Mt. Turnbull Elementary—Paula England
Ft. Thomas Elementary—Chrissi Douglas
Ft. Thomas Jr. High—Terry Bash
Ft. Thomas High School—Kristal Moenning

Pima Unified School District

Pima Elementary—Tami Mortensen
Pima Jr. High—Monica Hancock
Pima High School—Travis Hawkins

Safford Unified School District

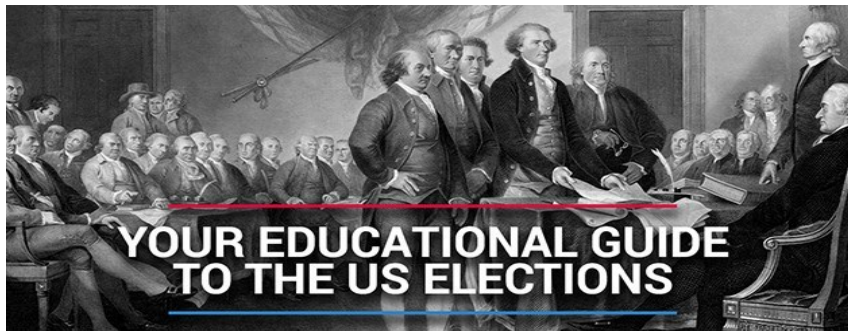
Dorothy Stinson School—Anna Donaldson
Lafe Nelson School—Ashley Loya
Ruth Powell School—Michelle Schreur
Safford Middle School—Joe Burnside
Safford High School—Chris Murphy

Thatcher Unified School District

Jack Daley Primary School—Marie Claridge
Thatcher Elementary School—Steve Hooper
Thatcher Middle School—Teleysha Smith
Thatcher High School—Gerald Larson



Engage Your Students in the Political Process with Resources from ELECTION CENTRAL



It's an election year and PBS has created tools, resources, and creative solutions to help you educate tomorrow's leaders on the various facets of the political process.

Turn news coverage into learning opportunities with new content including the history of presidential elections, the local impact of national issues, how the Electoral college works, fast facts, and more. [Visit ELECTION CENTRAL](#)



The Election Collection

Why do we have presidential elections in the United States? What's a constitutional democracy? What are the foundations of government? These election-themed resources are designed to spark discussion in the classroom. [View Collection](#)



Lesson Plans: Voting, Elections, and the Political Process

Looking to plan a lesson on current events and the upcoming elections but not sure where to start? We've compiled a selection of high-quality lesson plans on topics including the role of social media in an election, the purpose of the primaries, how to host a mock debate, and more. [View Lesson Plans](#)

More PBS LearningMedia opportunities on the next two pages.



Virtual Field Trips

Ready to pack up your class and explore the world of politics? Check out some of our favorite virtual field trips, including a tour of the nation's capital and a visit to Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington. [Learn More](#)



Meet Me in DC: Student Poster Contest

Your students are invited to design an election poster that highlights important community issues. Two student winners (one in grades K-5 and one in 6-12) will win a trip for two to D.C. to see Congress in session, tour the White House, visit the set of PBS NewsHour, and more. [Learn More](#)



The 5th Annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge & Kids' State Dinner!

Do you know a child who loves to cook? The winning chefs of the 5th Annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge will serve as healthy food ambassadors for their state or territory. Winners will also be flown to Washington, D.C. with a parent or guardian to attend the Kids' State Dinner, hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House this summer! [Learn More](#)



Join Us in Bringing the Universe to America's Classrooms

Are you an Earth, physical, or space science teacher? Apply now to become a WGBH/PBS LearningMedia STEM Teacher Advisor, and join us in designing and testing innovative approaches to using digital media for STEM education. [Learn More](#)

Use Sports to Teach Math, Science, and More!



Football and the Pythagorean Theorem: There's Math in Sports?

Explore how the Pythagorean theorem can be used to determine the distance that a pass and a kick in football actually travel in this interactive for students grades 6-8 from Alabama Public Television. [View Resource](#)



Anatomy of a Home Run | QUEST | Grades 8-12

Some noted physicists have said that on paper, hitting a home run is impossible. In this video, take a look at what it takes to hit one out of the park.

[View Resource](#)



Are Olympic Competitors Geniuses? | PBS Idea Channel | Grades 6-12

While we often think of "genius" as an intellectual category, can we use it for Olympians? Athletes are geniuses at pushing their bodies to new heights, making the impossibly difficult seem easy and effortless. [View Resource](#)



The Chemistry of Running | Annenberg Learner | Grades 9-12

Learn how running a marathon relies on your body's ability to deliver oxygen and fuel to your muscles for an extended period and to maintain your internal environment (fluids, electrolytes, pH) during the stress of running.

[View Interactive](#)



PBS LearningMedia™

Help students appreciate the critical role trees play in sustaining life on Earth with this interactive from the National Arbor Day Foundation.



Did you know that a tree's rings can provide a record of the environmental factors that affected its growth and life cycle? The trunk of a tree functions as both a supporting structure and a pathway, transporting food down from the leaves through photosynthesis and conducting water and minerals up from the roots. [View Interactive](#)



EARTH a New Wild | Grades 5-12

Experience the wonders of the natural world and explore the crossroads between nature, conservation, and society with *EARTH A New Wild*.

[View Collection](#)



What is Wind? | *It's Okay to be Smart* | Grades 6-12

Wind is everywhere- the air is constantly moving, sometimes gently, sometimes violently. Find out how pressure, temperature and rotation of the earth come together to make wind. [View Resource](#)



Free iBook Download: Beginning Spanish for Grades 3-5

This free iBook for educators brings together twenty-five lesson plans with an abundance of brief, in-class activities focused on Spanish language, vocabulary, and grammar, and the richness of the Spanish-speaking world's culture. [View in iTunes](#)



Get to Know the PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators Class of 2016!

PBS is pleased to present the 2016 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovators! This impressive group of educators from across the country will receive one year of free professional development from PBS.

[Read More](#)



Arizona Department of Education
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Diane M. Douglas

2016 Emergency Preparedness Regional Workshops Registration is Now Open

TRAINING TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ☐ Homeland Security Updates and Overview of 2015 Report - K-12 School Outreach Initiative that examined security procedures in 96 school districts across 50 states
- ☐ Tabletop Exercise - Pediatric Disaster Response: A collective discussion on emergency operations coordination, information sharing, family reunification, behavioral health crisis response and recovery
- ☐ Infectious Disease: Current and Projected Concerns for Communities
- ☐ Educating Your Parent Community: Bomb Threats/Swatting Guidance for Districts/Schools
- ☐ Incident Command System (ICS) Webinar Overview new release!
- ☐ ADE Bomb Threat Protocol new release!
- ☐ Active Shooter Planning and Training
- ☐ Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP): Guidance for Districts/Schools

2016 DATES AND REGIONS

*All Workshops — Pacific Standard Time (PST)
9:00 am - 3:00 pm*

May 4 – Northeast Regional Workshop

Chinle Unified School District—Wildcat Den

May 12 – Western Regional Workshop –

Lake Havasu City Library—Room B

June 7 – Central Regional Workshop –

ADOT HRDC—Phoenix

June 9 – Southern Regional Workshop –

Vail School District

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

- ☐ District and school administrators
- ☐ School support staff
- ☐ Emergency preparedness team members
- ☐ School psychologists and counselors
- ☐ School nurses
- ☐ Hospital personnel
- ☐ Public Health personnel
- ☐ Law enforcement personnel
- ☐ Fire and EMS personnel
- ☐ Emergency managers
- ☐ Risk management personnel
- ☐ Dispatcher and communication center supervisors
- ☐ State, local and tribal emergency support agencies
- ☐ Volunteer agency staff

Register for a Workshop:

www.azed.gov—click on the calendar which is located in the lower right corner of the pages, select the month—and then select the date of the workshop you want to attend—continue with registration.

Mr. Davidson Riggs, ADE

email: Davidson.riggs@azed.gov Phone: 602-542-8730



Arizona Children's Health Survey

The Arizona Department of Health Services has launched the **Arizona Children's Health Survey**. The survey will identify children's health needs ages birth to 17 years old.



- The survey is available in online and mobile formats
- It takes about 6-10 minutes to finish.
- We are asking you to take the survey for each child in your care.
- Example: If you are a family that has 3 children, then you will take the survey 3 times in order for ADHS to capture age related information.
- All information gathered in the survey is confidential and will not be shared.



Please access the survey in English and Spanish at:

Graham County Home Page—<http://www.graham.az.gov/>

Click on [Arizona Children's Health Survey](#)

then scroll down for access to the survey links in English or Spanish.

Thank you for participating in this very important survey.

Results of the survey will be available in early 2017 and may be requested from the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs, OCSHCN@azdhs.gov





Save the Date!

29th Annual School Health Services Conference

The School Nurses Organization of Arizona
in collaboration with the Arizona Department of Education

Present

"Putting the Pieces Together, Learning, Linking and Leading"

29th Annual Conference

A conference for RNs, LPNs, School Health Services
Stakeholders and Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

July 14, 15 and 16, 2016

**Wigwam Resort
300 East Wigwam Boulevard
Litchfield Park, Arizona 85340**

For more information please

[CLICK HERE](#)



**It's All About
Engagement!**

Coming Soon... Thinking Skills Day 1 Morenci, AZ • June 28, 2016
For K–12 Educators

Workshop Benefits

- ⇒ Explore the 15 most fundamental **thinking skills**
- ⇒ Jump-start students' critical and **creative thinking**
- ⇒ Prepare students for a rapidly changing world

- ⇒ Generate higher-level thinking among **all students**
- ⇒ Integrate thinking skills across your **curriculum, in every lesson**
- ⇒ Strengthen students' analytical skills
- ⇒ Enhance synergy with cooperative **brainstorming**

Thinking Skills Day 1
Morenci, AZ • June 28, 2016

For K–12 Educators

8:00 am Check-in

8:30 am–3:45 pm Workshop

Metcalfe Elementary School

904 Fairbanks Rd.

Morenci, AZ 85540

Register Today! • www.KaganOnline.com

Registration **\$199/person**

Special Discount Package

Yes! I would like to include the Special Discount Package. Available only to participants. (Limit one per participant. No substitutions.) Your materials package includes: 1) Three SmartCards: Graphic Organizers, Thinking Questions, and Think Trix, 2) Question Spinner, 3) MindMats, 4) Erasers, and 5) Dry Erase Markers. *Regular Price \$79. Your Price \$64. Save \$15!* Code: CHLT1B

5 Ways to Register:

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Summer Camps!



<u>Specific Camp</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u># of Students</u>
Tonto Creek Camp – (Some spots left as of today!)	7 th – 10 th Grade Only	Tues – Fri, May 31 - June 3, 2016	\$50	50
EASI Summer Science Camp <u>This Camp is FULL</u>	6 th - 9 th Grade Only	Mon – Wed, June 13-15, 2016	\$35	50
Forensics/Chemistry Camp (Some spots left as of today!)	8 th – 12 th Grade Only	Mon – Fri, June 20 - 24, 2016	\$50	30

- **Tonto Creek Camp** – overnight camp/environmental activities in Payson, AZ & Discovery Park
Lego Racers, Outdoor Adventures, Hydrological Testing, Bio-Engineering, Canyon Hiking, Archery, Campfire Activities, & much more!

(7th – 10th Grade) Tuesday – Friday, May 31 - June 3, 2016

Tuesday – Thursday: @ Payson (*transportation courtesy of Eastern Arizona College*)

Friday: Post Camp Meeting and Certificates @ Discovery Park Campus

Detailed student instructions upon acceptance.

- **EASI Forensics/Chemistry Camp** at EAC Main Campus

Solve a Crime Scene using the latest biometric forensics equipment and techniques and chemical analysis... and More!

(8th - 12th Grade) Monday – Friday, June 20 - 24, 2016

**All participants will receive an awesome EASI Summer Science Camp T-Shirt,
EASI Backpack, and a lot of Fun!**

Participation in ALL camps are first come - first filled – Don't Wait!!

Registration fees are Due AFTER your selection has been confirmed. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the EAC Discovery Park Campus.

**The registration form is on the following page.

E-Mail: _____

Home Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____



EASI Camps and Events Calendar:

May 31-June 3, 2016 – Tonto Creek STEM Camp

June 6-9 2016 – Southeastern AZ Teachers Academy (SEATA)

Full—June 13-15, 2016 – EASI Summer Science Camp – Grade 6-9

June 20-24, 2016 – EASI High School Forensics Camp – Grade 8-12

Paul R. Anger

Director, EAC Discovery Park Campus

Chair, Eastern Arizona Science Initiative

Region V Rep., Arizona Science Teachers Association

1651 W. Discovery Park Blvd. Safford, AZ 85546

paul.anger@eac.edu (928) 428-6260



EASI Summer Science Camp Application Form

Drop off your completed application at the EAC Discovery Park Campus or mail As Soon As Possible to:

2016 EASI Summer Science Camps

c/o Paul Anger

P.O. Box 583

Pima, AZ 85543

Registration fees are Due AFTER your selection has been confirmed. *Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the EAC Discovery Park Campus.*

Please write legibly - Do Not send registration fee with this application.

Camp Applying For: **Tonto Creek Camp** Forensics/Chemistry Camp

Name: _____ Adult size T-shirt: S M L XL XXL

(Please circle correct size)

School: _____ Grade entering: _____

E-Mail: _____

Ethnicity: (Circle) Black Hispanic White Native American Asian/Islander Other

Home Mailing address: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

SAFFORD CITY GRAHAM COUNTY LIBRARY



808 S. Seventh Ave.
Safford, AZ 85546
(928) 432-4165

The Safford City / Graham County Library offers services beyond checking out books. The Graham County School Superintendent has partnered with the library to offer homework help for students from kindergarten through college. **It's free to Graham County students.** Visit the library's homepage at www.cityofsafford.us and click on the *Homework Help* icon. This will lead you to the icon for **Tutor.com**. "Check out" this free tool and get help on any subject.

Citizens looking for help with finding a job should take advantage of the services offered by Job Skills Instructor, Kevin Hansen. Mr. Hansen offers help in finding jobs and preparing resumes. Additionally, he will help coach job seekers as they practice their interview skills. This is a great service!

The library has partnered with *First Things First* to enhance literacy skills in our youngest population. In addition to story time, parents can bring their children to the Brain Box sessions and other preschool activities scheduled throughout the year. The library has secured a grant from First Things First to fund the Imagination Library Book Club. Children ages birth through five can be signed up to receive a free, age-appropriate book in the mail each month. These are just a few of the wonderful things families can explore due to the partnerships formed by the library.

Visit the Safford City / Graham County Library in person or online!



The Safford City—Graham County Library has partnered with the Arizona State Library to bring a fabulous FREE database of eBooks to our students!

Visit www.saffordlibrary.org

On the left side of the screen, click on "TumbleBooks / eBooks for Kids

"Check out" the titles, which now include non-fiction!

The books are indexed by reading levels, grade, and lexile.

Take advantage of this valuable opportunity—it's free!

Visit the Gift Shop!

Safford City / Graham County Library

808 S. Seventh Ave.

Safford, AZ 85546 928-432-4165

Hours: Mon.—Thursday 10:00 a.m. —7:00 p.m. Closed Friday—Sunday



Speaking of wonderful resources...

You Can Take Free Online Courses with Universal Class

Interested in learning new crafts and hobbies? Looking to go from amateur to pro photography? Starting a business and would like to know more about entrepreneurship? The library has you covered! Go to the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and sign up to take free courses with Universal Class.

Universal Class offers a diverse catalog of lifelong learning courses online including:

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| Accounting, Career Training, Office Skills | Real Estate and Entrepreneurship. |
| Cooking, Crafts and Hobbies. | Fine Arts and Photography. |
| Performing Arts. | Parenting and Family. |
| Alternative Medicine, Self-Help. | Personal Care. |
| Computer Training. | Web Development. |
| Pet and Animal Care. | Home Gardening, Repair and DIY. |
| Psychology. | History. |
| Religious and Spiritual Studies. | Science. |
| General Education. | Special Education. |
| Homeschooling. | Teacher Resources. |
| Test Preparation. | Social Work. |
| Language Arts. | Terminology. |
| Math and Writing Skills. | Law, Legal and Criminal.and more! |

Go through each full course to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and certificates! Some courses even offer Video Mode for those wanting to simply audit courses. Remember to log in with your full library card number (ex: P41256) when first signing up.

LEARN LANGUAGES FOR FREE WITH MANGO LANGUAGES

Choose from over 70 languages to learn for FREE! Spanish, French, Chinese, Japanese, ESL (Inglés) and much more!! Easy to use and self-paced, with audio, video and vocabulary to help you learn at your own comfort. Register for your own free personal profile or click QUICK START below to get started right away! Remember to sign in with your library card number (ex: 41256) when you first register.

MANGO MONDAYS - EVERY MONDAY Beginning August 3rd

Sign up anytime during the month of August for Mango Languages on the library's website at www.saffordlibrary.org and be entered in a raffle to win fun door prizes every Monday! Be sure to either fill out a ticket at the front desk or message us on Facebook at [fb.com/saffordlibrary](https://www.facebook.com/saffordlibrary) so we can enter you in. Door prizes will be drawn every Monday at 4 PM.

Economics Resources for Teachers

Mark Sammons, the Coordinator for Outreach with the Office of Economic Education, Eller College of Management at the University of Arizona, and our liaison for all of the fabulous economics professional development, has some great news to share!

The Council for Economic Education (CEE) will be holding its annual conference for teachers in **Phoenix on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7 & 8, 2016**. This is great news for Arizona teachers, since travel costs to this national conference will be minimal.

The conference is designed to serve teachers in the K-12 range, and virtually all of the presentations are on innovative ways to teach economics content or integrate it into other subjects across the curriculum.

For information, visit <http://councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference/>

It's not too early to plan on attending this conference!



2016 Summer Teacher Institute: Social Studies Strand 5

Economics Summer Institute for Teachers June 2016

U of A Office of Economic Education

The Arizona curriculum standards require teaching economics as part of all the social studies. Are you fulfilling the requirement? If not, this program is for you!

The UA Office of Economic Education offers a no-fear summer institute on the fundamental principles of economics to prepare teachers to fulfill Arizona Social Studies Strand 5. The summer economics institute is taught incrementally to bring beginners along with those with some foreknowledge. Solely for 6th-12th grade teachers, you'll be among colleagues. We offer this at no charge, and we have funds to help with lodging for those attending from outside Pima County.

We receive many more applicants than we can accommodate; apply early!

There is no fee for this program.

Apply online [HERE](#).



SELECT is a federally funded program sponsored by the Arizona Department of Education and offered by Northern Arizona University. SELECT courses are recommended for special and general education teachers, administrators, related service personnel, paraeducators, and other interested individuals. Certified school personnel can take SELECT classes for renewal hours. SELECT classes can be taken for university credit for those teachers or administrators who are required by their school districts to have official

transcripts and for those who may need to transfer hours out of state. The classes can also be taken for professional growth contact hours for free.

All SELECT classes are taught online and are three (3) credit hours or forty-five (45) contact hours. SELECT classes are graduate level – students should contact SELECT for a syllabus to plan ahead to meet the work load.

The deadline for Professional Growth enrollment is two weeks prior to the class start date.

Contact SELECT at: SELECT@nau.edu; 928-523-9250 or 928-523-1809; nau.edu/ihd-SELECT

Exceptional Children in Regular Programs

ESE 501 ESE 501 Autism and PDD	Sharon Makhoul	Class #2244	7/11—8/9/16
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ESE 502 Behavioral Management in Special Education

ESE 502 Differentiating Emotional Disabilities & Behavioral Disorders	Edward O'Neill	Class #2245	6/6—7/5/16
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ESE 503 Diagnosis and Assessment of Exceptional Children

ESE 503 Severe & Profound Disabilities	Leila Williams	Class #2246	6/6—7/5/16
ESE 503 Psycho-Educational Assessment & Interpretations for SpEd Admins.	Philip Debons	Class #2247	7/11—8/9/16

ESE 504 Methods and Materials in Special Education

ESE 504 Learning Variability & Universal Design	Stephanie Beckert	Class #2248	6/6—7/5/16
ESE 504 Effective Reading Instruction for Struggling Readers (Part 1)	Sandra Laine	Class #2249	7/11—8/9/16

ESE 505 Consultation Techniques in Special Education

ESE 505 Individual Education Process	Laurie Dietz	Class #2250	7/11—8/9/16
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ESE 506 Administration and Supervision of Special Education

ESE 506 Legal Aspects & Compliance	Jane Rupard	Class #2251	6/6—7/11/16
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ESE 509 Foundations of Special Education

ESE 509 Emotional Disabilities	Steve Speisman	Class #2252	6/6—7/5/16
ESE 509 Intellectual Disabilities	Jan Speisman	Class #2253	7/11—8/9/16

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SELECT courses can be taken for renewal hours for academic credit or for professional growth contact hours.

Classes can be taken for academic credit if your district requires an official transcript or if you may wish to use hours in another state (tuition and associated fees apply). Students can register for Professional Growth on the SELECT website OR submit an application for admission to NAU's Graduate College for academic credit. Please see the SELECT website for details.

If you have any questions about renewal requirements, please contact the Arizona Department of Education Certification Office in Phoenix at (602) 542-4367 or online at: <http://www.azed.gov/> or Email: <http://www.azed.gov/about-ade/question/>.

SELECT courses may not apply to a degree program without prior approval from your academic advisor.
Enrollment Information:

Online: <http://nau.edu/SBS/IHD/Programs/SELECT-Program/>; Email: SELECT@nau.edu; Phone: 928-523-9250 Fax: 928-523-9127

The deadline for Professional Growth enrollment is **two weeks** prior to the class start date.
Contact SELECT at: SELECT@nau.edu; 928-523-9250 or 928-523-1809; nau.edu/ihd-SELECT

There are 2 sessions:

June 6 - July 5 and July 11 - August 9.



Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

The AzGA GeoConference 2016 is being organized and we want you to be a part of it! Learn from and collaborate with professionals who have developed creative ways to enhance social studies curriculum.

Choose from a wide variety of presentations. You'll leave inspired and with fresh ideas for your classroom. Don't miss this opportunity!

Registration opened May 1, 2016.

GeoConference 2016

When: Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 8:00am - 3:30pm

Where: Scottsdale Community College, 9000 E Chaparral Rd, Scottsdale, AZ

Cost: Due to a generous grant from Arizona Public Service, **the 2016 conference will be at no cost.** However, you must register and pay a \$30 deposit. If you attend, the deposit will be refunded. If you do not attend, we will be keeping the deposit.

Deadline for registration: Tuesday, 9/6/2016

Pre-registration required. No walk up registration this year.

[Register here](#)

What can I expect from GeoConference?

GeoConference offers concurrent sessions featuring:

- Elementary & Secondary level lessons you can teach the next day that integrate geography with STEM, history, language arts and more.
- An array of National Geographic 2016 Geography Awareness Week materials and activities to support this year's theme: *Explore! The Power of Parks*
- Geography content lectures by university instructors
- Networking with other teachers
- Lunch, Door Prizes, and Free Materials
- 6.5 Professional Development hours and a few surprises

If you wish to register using a Purchase Order, please fax or mail your PO directly to AzGA. Cancellations must be made by 9/06/2016, or before, to have your deposit returned if you do not plan to attend.

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Two Lessons to use with the book This House is Made of Mud

Home in the Desert: Lesson for This House is Made of Mud

Description: In this lesson students will learn about the natural and human characteristics of a place, while practicing their language arts skills.

Author: Kelly Graham Nolan

Grade Range: 3

Duration: 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

This House is Made of Mud: Exploring the Shapes in Our Lives

Description: In this lesson students will learn about our dependence on the earth's resources for materials. They will practice their knowledge of geometric shapes by recognizing them in the context of the story.

Author: Patricia Hutchinson

Grade Range: K-1

Duration: 1 class period

[Teacher Instructions](#)

H2O on the Go! Learning about Fresh and Salt Water

Description: In this lesson students will learn to locate and label rivers, lakes and oceans on maps. They will also make observations and record data during a guided science inquiry on fresh v. salt water. This lesson contains strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

Author: Melinda Hobbs

Grade Range: 1

Duration: 3 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Maps – United States \(3\)](#)

Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners: **Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)**

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test](#)

Other material that may be useful:

[Map – Giant United States tile map](#)

[Map – US Color w labels](#)

[Map – Arizona Dams](#)

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Every Kid in a Park

Are you a 4th grade teacher? [Every Kid in a Park](#) gives 4th graders nationwide a free pass for them and their families to explore America's national public lands and waters for a full year. As part of the [Every Kid in a Park](#) initiative, teachers from around the country can apply to help cover transportation costs to a U.S. national park, forest, wildlife refuge or other national public lands and waters.

The [Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation](#) has announced a \$25,000 donation to [DonorsChoose.org](#), a crowdfunding platform for teachers. The donation will support "Every Kid in a Park" field trips and will provide 4th graders with hands-on opportunities to explore the outdoors and connect with nature.

*Selective funding (up to \$500 per project) for 4th grade projects that request transportation funds for field trips to a U.S. national park, forest, wildlife refuge or other federal lands/waters as part of the Every Kid in a Park initiative. Projects may also include healthy lunch requests for the trip. **To qualify, use the phrase "Every Kid in a Park" in your essay.** Teachers can receive and print free park passes for their 4th graders at www.everykidinapark.gov. Projects will be selected and funded at the discretion of the Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation. [Learn more.](#)*

If you need more info, I can put you in contact with an Every Kid in a Park coordinator in your area.

Best,
Rebecca (T3G 2013)





Grant Funding Alerts

It's never too early to start working on a grant!

Freeport-McMoRan Inc. Grants

Mini-Grants for Education Application Window: May 1st – Oct. 1st

Please visit www.freeportinmycommunity.com

Grants in the range of \$100—\$500 a school is eligible to receive up to four mini-grants per year. Additional grant opportunities are available including the STEM Education grant. Graham County received nearly \$500,000 in the recent round of Community Investment Fund grant awards held in August. Thank you Freeport-McMoRan!

Kinder Morgan Foundation K-12 Education, Environmental Education, Arts, and Youth Development Grants

Deadline: 10th of every month Amount: \$1,000—\$5,000

"The Kinder Morgan Foundation believes that today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and our mission is to provide them with opportunities to learn and grow. Our goal is to help today's science, math and music students become the engineers, educators and musicians who will support our diverse communities for many years to come."

<http://www.kindermorgan.com/community/>

Sponsor: U.S. General Services Administration

Name: Computers for Learning

Who: Schools and educational nonprofits

Amount: based on need **Cost Share:** None **Deadline:** rolling

Description: Computers for Learning (CFL) program allows schools and educational nonprofits to view and select computer equipment that federal agencies have reported as excess. The CFL program includes making modern computer technology an integral part of every classroom, connecting classrooms to the national infrastructure, providing teachers with the professional development they need to use new technologies effectively, and encouraging the use of innovative educational software.

Link: http://computersforlearning.gov/hm/hp_aboutprogram.htm

Arizona Community Foundation Scholarships

The Arizona Community Foundation is now inviting Arizona high school seniors, current students at colleges and vocational-technical schools and graduate-level students to apply for college scholarship funding available for the 2015-2016 academic year. Completing just one application automatically matches students with every scholarship opportunity for which they qualify from among ACF's 80 awards.

<https://azfoundation.academicworks.com/>

Free Educational Resources by SmartTutor Education Programs

Parents can find a wide variety of free educational resources such as online educational games, word searches, coloring pages, free reading lessons, free math lessons, printable flashcards, award certificates, bookmarks, door hangers, and vocational and occupational flashcards. Print lunch notes and party invitations with the characters your children learned from. You can use these resources to encourage and motivate children to continue learning and have fun while doing so!

[For Web Site](#)

Sponsor: The Safeway Foundation

Name: Safeway Education Grants

Who: Non-profit organizations in areas where Safeway has stores
(partner with schools)

Cost Share: None Amount: \$2,500—\$10,000 for first time recipients

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.safewayfoundation.org/get-funded/how-we-fund.html>

Sponsor: Chef Ann Foundation and Skoop

Name: Project Produce

Who: Schools participating in the National School Lunch Program

Cost Share: None Amount: \$2,500

Deadline: Rolling

<http://www.chefannfoundation.org/programs/project-produce>

The Fender Music Foundation Grant

The Fender Music Foundation awards instruments and equipment to eligible music instruction programs. The organization is currently awarding acoustic guitars, electric guitars, acoustic-electric guitars, bass guitars and the equipment necessary to play these instruments. However, other traditional music instruments are sometimes available. To qualify as a music instruction program, participants must be learning how to make music.

<http://www.fendermusicfoundation.org/grants/grants-info/>

Professional Development Opportunities/ Grant Funding Alerts

ALA Association for Library Service for Children Professional Service

Every year, more than \$100,000 is given away through ALSC's professional awards, grants, and scholarships. Please click on the individual award or grant for application information.

[For information about scholarships please click here](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

A list of the [2015 Professional Award winners](#) is now available.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

<http://www.ala.org//alsc/awardsgrants/profawards>

School Grants Today eMagazine

K-12 Grants, Tips and News

www.schoolgrantstoday.com

Freebies to Build Better Lessons

EngageNY curates a number of Common Core lesson plans for pre-K through 12th grade that can be searched by grade, subject and keywords. There are also curriculum maps and a rich video library.

BetterLesson houses 16,000+ Common Core, Next Gen science, and blended learning lessons created from Master Teacher projects. There are additional lessons created by the BetterLesson community, and there's a page with "new and popular" lessons of the week. It's easy to search the site. When we searched "ELA thesis statements," we found 15 lessons from Master Teachers and almost 97,000 from the community.

Grab and Go Mini-tasks for teachers to use with students immediately in the classroom are on the Literacy De-sign Collaborative website. These resources for back to school help teachers create literacy-rich assignments and courses across content areas.

DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site. Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to Donors Choose.org and start your own account. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

Grant Funding Alerts *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

Name: Annenberg Foundation

Who: Areas of arts, culture and humanities, civic and community, environment, education, and human health and wellness

Amount: \$10,000 - \$100,000

Deadline: Rolling

Link: <http://www.annenbergfoundation.org/grantmaking/how-to-apply>

Name: Arthur Vining Davis Foundations **Who:** Projects for improving teaching

Amount: \$100,000-\$200,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Projects may cover a wide range of initiatives intended to improve teaching. For example, projects might be designed to improve professional development for in-service and pre-service teachers, strengthen teaching skills, support practical research in teacher and high school education, or encourage innovative use of technology and new techniques for presentation of classroom materials in high schools

Link: www.avdf.org

Name: Ceres Foundation Grants

Who: For benefit of disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families

Amount: Up to \$240,000

Deadline: Rolling

Description: To expand opportunities for disadvantaged youth and vulnerable families to develop and make full use of their potential, so that they will be able to earn decent livings, enjoy healthy relationships, pursue their ambitions, and participate in their communities.

Link: <http://foundationcenter.org/grantmaker/ceres/>

Name: JP Morgan Chase Grants

Who: Open for non-profit organizations

Amount: Varies

Deadline: Rolling

Description: Create Pathways to Opportunity - a holistic approach to ensure that individuals have access to the knowledge, skills, resources, and capital they need to secure their futures and compete in the global economy.

Link: <http://www.jpmorganchase.com/corporate/Corporate-Responsibility/grant-programs.htm>

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Sponsor: Major League Baseball and Major League Baseball Players Association

Name: Baseball Tomorrow Fund

Who: Youth programs

Cost Share: None Shown **Amount:** Typically \$50,000-\$100,000

Deadline: Quarterly

Description: To promote and enhance the growth of youth participation in baseball and softball around the world by funding programs, fields, coaches' training, uniforms, and equipment. Grants are intended to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Supports projects that meet the following evaluation criteria: increase the number of youth participating in baseball and softball programs; improve the quality of youth baseball and softball programs.

Link: eb.mlbcommunity.org/index.jsp?content=programs&program=baseball_tomorrow_fund

Youth and Community Development Grants

Sponsor: Office Depot Foundation

Deadline: Monthly **Amount:** \$50-\$3,000

Description: The Foundation provides funding to the following program areas: 1. Giving Children Tools for Success—Supporting activities that give young people tools to succeed in the school and in life through education and inspiration. 2. Building Capacity to Serve Communities—Supporting programs that help non-profit organizations to serve the needs of their communities efficiently and effectively. 3. Disaster Preparedness, Relief, Recovery and Rebuilding....

<http://officedepotfoundation.org>

Name: Actuarial Foundation: Advancing Student Achievement (ASA) Grant

Who: To benefit grades 4-12

Amount: \$5,000 **Deadline:** Open

Description: Supports math enhancement programs that bridge the gap between classroom and real world mathematics for grades 4-12 students in U.S. public and private schools. Programs eligible for support may include, but are not limited to, clubs, competitions, before and after school programs, classroom extension periods, etc. Funded programs must impact 20 to 25 students and meet a minimum of one time per month. **Link:**

http://www.actuarialfoundation.org/programs/teachers/what_asa_grant.shtml